

Hampton CITY PAGE

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Hampton: A Safe Place to Live



Making Hampton the safest, most livable city in Virginia is the goal of the Hampton Police Division. The Division strives to keep citizens and visitors safe through community policing, tourist-oriented policing and homeland security.

In 2003 property crimes dropped more than 13% from the previous year. The Police Division has accomplished this by addressing potential problems before they occur; establishing programs that foster an ongoing positive relationship between youth and local police officers; and strict enforcement of structure and zoning codes.

The Division works closely with Hampton citizens to address neighborhood issues. In Old Northampton, the Police Division has implemented the Community Enhancement Task Force Program. The multi-agency task force is dedicated to enhancing community development, public safety and health.

The Hampton Police Division is committed to making our roads safer by removing drunk drivers from the highway, thereby reducing the incidence of highway deaths and injuries. The Division's DUI Task Force is comprised of a group of officers dedicated to alcohol or drug related traffic enforcement. This enforcement extends to the water where police officers continually monitor for intoxicated boaters.

The Division, in cooperation with Virginia Alcohol Beverage Control, has also increased its efforts to provide for a safe experience at late night establishments especially along the Mercury Boulevard corridor.

With the arrival of the Power Plant and the Hampton Roads Convention Center, Hampton anticipates receiving many more visitors. A unit assigned specifically to the Coliseum Central Business Improvement District addresses the changing safety needs of the area.

The old motto "be prepared" is the key to reducing threats from terrorism. In Hampton, the Division has established a Homeland Security unit that works with the State and other localities to protect our region. This includes ongoing analysis of data, protecting our waterways and working with the Coast Guard to secure our harbor.

For more information about the Hampton Police Division, visit www.hampton.gov/hpd. Also, stay tuned to City Channel TV-47 for upcoming shows on safety in Hampton.

Become a Hometown Hero!

In the Spring of 2005 the Hampton Roads Convention Center will open its doors to meetings and conventions of up to 14,000 people. Residents who have never been able to bring their business home to the region for lack of a venue large enough to accommodate their conference needs, will now have the chance to tout their hometown facilities.

Hampton Roads residents are the region's best ambassadors! You've experienced the attractions, restaurants, recreation and entertainment the area has to offer and you proudly share your discoveries. Invite your professional associates, hobby club, service organization, friends and family to meet in Hampton and the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau will reward you for bringing your business home to Hampton!

Any regional citizen or organization bringing a meeting of 100 or more people, or a group hotel block of 100 or more rooms, to Hampton meeting and hotel facilities will be recognized as a Hampton Hometown Hero. Local champions will be saluted during National Tourism Week in May at a luncheon honoring Hampton's best cheerleaders and a special award will be presented to the MVP (Most Valuable Planner).

Interested participants should complete a Hometown Heroes application, available through the Hampton Convention & Visitor Bureau and the Hampton Visitor Center. Call 722-1222 for details.

Hampton Celebrates Founders Day

In just six years, Hampton will celebrate its 400th birthday. In a countdown to July 9, 2010, a day to be proclaimed Hampton Founder's Day, the Quadricentennial Commemoration Committee and the City extends its appreciation to its citizens and invites them to a commemoration ceremony and afternoon of events downtown. The 394th founding celebration will take place Friday, July 9, 2004 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Carousel Park and the Virginia Air and Space Center on Settlers Landing Road and the Hampton History Museum at 120 Old Hampton Lane.

Hampton residents will benefit from free admission to the Virginia Air & Space Center, Hampton History Museum and free rides at the Hampton Carousel throughout the 7-hour celebration. Photo identification with a Hampton address will be requested; regular fees are required for admission to the Riverside IMAX Theater.

For more information call 311 in Hampton or 727-8311 outside of Hampton or from a cell phone.

Baseballs in the Street?

Driving around Hampton you might have noticed some rather large baseballs in the street. More than 500 manhole covers, designed to look like baseballs, are being installed in key locations in Norfolk, Virginia Beach,

Portsmouth and Hampton. This is part of a campaign to bring major league baseball to Hampton Roads.

To receive more information about the campaign and ticket sales visit www.norfolkmlb.com or call 877-228-8787.

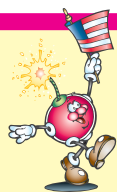


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July

COMMUNITY EVENTS



04 Independence Day at Fort Monroe

Celebrate Independence Day at Fort Monroe with cannon salutes and country music stars Terri Clark and Dierks Bentley in concert, complemented by a six-plus-hour, family fun gala and fireworks. Call 788-3151 for more information.

05 Hampton Live

11:30 a.m. on WLRT 1490 AM
This weekly talk show features events and programs in the City of Hampton. This week's topic focuses on Economic Development in the city. You can tune in by radio or online at <http://racetalklive.com/home.dp>.

14 Hampton City Council Meeting

7:30 p.m., Council Chambers (8th Floor, City Hall). Also telecast on the City channel, TV-47.



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